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RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2. ...

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CONTINUE STORY OF THEIR UNDOING

MerrittBrothersPauperized Through Deal With Rockefeller.

LOSE \$10,000,000 IN FEW MONTHS

They Tell Investigating Committee How, With Minister as His Agent, Oil King Won Their Confidence and Then Took All Their Valuable Holdings.

Rockefeller and his almoner, Rev. D. Gates, of Montelair, N. J., will poration to reply to testimony given presented and in-day by Alfred and non-had Leonidas Merritt, of Duluth, Minn., charging that Rockefeller, through Gates as his agent, took from them in 1823 \$10,000,0000 in Mesaba iron mine and Duluth, Mesaba and Northman Religious accurates to satisfy a

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BUSINESS IS GIGANTIC

Express Companies' Figures Brought
Out at Start of investigation.
New York, November 22.—Criticisms and remedial recommendations ranging from mild to radical were presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day at the opening here of a series of hearings to be 1 dd throughout the country in investigation of the express business to be 1 dd throughout the country in the magnitude of this business was brought out by Attorney Frank Lyon. Counsel for the committee, who said that the combined express companies operate more than 270,000 miles of railway and do business through 31,228 stations. He placed the cost of operating the express plants at \$27,000,000, the operating ret income at \$10,000,000, or a fraction over 38 per cent, on plant valuation. Congressman David J. Lawis, of Cumberland, Md., one of the first witnesses, declared that government ownership ultimately would prove to be the only logical solution of the express business. He had abandoned the idea, he said, that a parcels post would give the required relief.

"Express rates are prohibitively high," he continued, "being sixteen times the freight rate—\$21,20 per ton for express and \$1,90 for freight."

Contending that there should be a more natural ratio of express to freight charges, Mr. Lewis declared that there was a margin of profits made by the companies, he thought, on which the Interstate Comment on which the Interstate Comment on which the Interstate Comment on the hought, on which the Interstate Comment on which the Interstate Comment on the hought, on which the Interstate Comment on the Interstate Comment on the Interstate Comment on the order of a series o

PRINZ JOACHIM AGROUND

Mr. Rockefeller does not wish to before the committee, Chairman sy announced. "the committee wife and grandchild, among the Prinz Joachim's passengers are William Jennings Bryan, his onlissue a subpoena for him. The applies to Mr. Gates."

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LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON

to meet again until after STATE'S RIGHT TO REGULATE

CHOICE OF WOMEN

Suffragettes Decline to Pay Fines and Secure Liberty.

COME PREPARED FOR STAY IN JAIL

Mrs. Pankhurst Calls Action of Court "Enemy's Declaration of War," and She May Return to England to Lead Militant Feminine Hosts in Battle for Ballot.

BUSINESS IS GIGANTIC TERMS IN PRISON FIRST ROAD CAMP WARNING IS GIVEN WASHINGTON OF COMING BA

to Work Hard for Federal Aid.

DELEGATES GET TOGETHER NOW

Resolution Adopted Calling for Ambitious Project of Highway Construction-Joint Convention Planned-Session Closes With Addresses To-Day.

mittee on national highway legislation

day at the directors' meeting of the American Association for Highway Improvement, when representatives of the last named organization, the American Automobile Association, the American Road Builders' Association and the National Association of Road Material and Machinery Manufacturers—the four giant organizations of the road building world—entered into an agreement to hold joint conventions in the future. It was agreed by the representatives present to recommend to their respective directorates favorable renewing the censorsaing and Tien Tsin, the future of two from each body, Assembly. The sessions of the National acting wutnout regard to the National of a committee of two from each body, Assembly. The sessions of to meet and work out the details for by hereafter probably will results to be The monarchical members each corporation, the results to be The monarchical members in submitted to each directorate for final vatery to-uay. They numbered

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Committee Will Go There Bombardment of Nanking by Rebels Will Begin Soon.

TEN WARSHIPS WILL TAKE PART

Foreigners Told to Seek Safety Away From Scene of Fight, Which May Be Bloodiest of Revolution-Attack Will Be Made by Land

Bent upon carrying the war into the enemy's country, the faction favoring fairs, has notified the consuls that the bombardment of Nanking will begin provement carried the day at the afternoon session of the Road Congress yesteday, and ratified a resolution respective countrymen from that

preparation for the bombardment of Nanking. These will be completed with the arrival of ten warships, now on the city simultaneously by land and sea.

A small body of General Chang's scouts last night tore up a section of the railway four miles to the south of Nanking. Prior to this the railway had been considered neutral territory and had not been interfered with. Wittin the city Chang's 11,000 men hold a strongly fortified position. They are said to be well supplied with arms and ammunition, but they are podrly provisioned. The new Shinese minister to Japan, Tsao, who is a warm personal friend of Chang, has been endeavoring to induce him to surrender, but Chang is obdurate.

Tsao, who is the guest of President. Bowen, of Nanking University, has and yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least stopped killing those who have yet given up nope of winning over the least of the same time and place as that of the Addrich currency reform plan, there was elected president of the association of a committee or seven members with instructions to consult with the National Monetary Commission or with congressional committees about the proposed reform plan. The resolution was the large

FEW OPPOSING GOMPERS

Will Be Re-Elected President of

Federation of Labor.
Atlanta, Ga., November 22.—When the convention of the American Fedration of Labor meets to-morrow will be with the expectation of

eration of Labor meets to-morrow it will be with the expectation of hearing and passing on the reports of two of its most important committees—that on the adjustment of industrial disputes and that on the president's report.

The adjustment committee has in hand the long-waged controversy between the carpenters and the sheet metal workers, which resulted in the expulsion last year of the former in the building trades department. It is expected the committee will recommend the reinstatement of the carpenters if they will agree to abide by the decision of the department in future disputes.

Chairman Watson, of the president's report committee, declared to-day that the committee would make some recommendations of vital importance.

The convention will software and the other officers probably will be re-elected without much, if any opposition, as the Socialists have not developed sufficient strength to make serious opposition. It is regarded as practically certain that the 1912 convention will be held at Rochester, although Richmond is waging a strong fight for the meeting. The following resolutions were adopted to-day:

Favoring the construction of all government vessels in government ship-yards.

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free school books in public schools and night schools.

Petitioning President Taft to recom-mend to the Governor of Porto Rico larger school appropriations, an eight-hour day and other beneficial legisla-tion.

ACTION IS SUSPENDED

enators Adverse to Inquiry Into Per-

PREPARE BEATTIE FOR LIFE BEYOND

Ministers Give Him Communion in Presence of Father.

HIS MENTAL POISE REMAINS NORMAL

Seems to Realize Significance of Religious Act-Governor Still Importuned by Letter and Telegram—Last Farewells Will Be Said

lown. There has been no hysteria, no pronounced nervous symptoms, no bodily illness. He is fairly composed at all times, and seems to be glad that the agony will not be delayed.

Twelve Are Summoned.
Invitations have been sent out to
the twolve witnesses provided by law,

able heartiness.

Beattie eats eggs and beefsteak and fried pork, with vegetables, and drinks coffer. The question asked him is that usually propounded in many eating places: "How will you have your eggs cooked?" He still sleeps with reasonable soundness, arises early, spends most of his time reading when visitors are not with him, and maintains an equable though subdued demeanor.

Many Write Governor.

ers and other presents to the prisoner has not been insulged in by Richmond women. This is a common practice in